



HOPE *Story* MISSIONS

Bringing help and hope to aged-out orphans



Kids enjoying VBS



Lennox sharing the love of Jesus



Six students, Josue Dor, Operations, and Wood Taylor, Dean of Residents

Hope Story Missions is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to serve aged-out orphans and under-privileged children in the poorest countries in the world, like Haiti, Kenya, Jamaica, Trinidad and others. We do this by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through story and song, as well as providing safe housing, life skills, education and spiritual guidance. We want to help the aged-out orphan move from dependence to sustainable independence.

153 million children are orphans in the world today.

According to Unicef, this number grows by 5700 children orphaned daily. Although the cause varies from child to child, the end result is the same: *Hopelessness*. After an orphan turns 18, they are often released from the orphanage, with no more than a grocery bag of belongings to their name. The aged out boys turn to gangs and delinquency for a sense of acceptance while the girls are often forced into sex trafficking. But what if these children knew there was another option?

At Hope Story Missions (HSM), we want those young men and women who may feel lost, scared, abandoned and hopeless to find the peace, love and hope that Jesus provides and give them a firm foundation on which they can build their new life and make a sustainable difference in their community and their country.

Orphans ask these critical questions:

Am I known?

Am I loved?

Do I belong?

Tommy Walker wrote a worship song that answers these questions. The first verse summarizes Jesus heart towards orphans, and is what we at HSM believe as well:

I have a Maker, He formed my heart
Before even time began my life was in His hands
He knows my name He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call



Lennox bringing hope to a little girl

The Five Pillars

Providing a home and support for aged-out orphans to transition from an unstructured, hopeless life of dependence to a God-centered and purposeful future, we have centered the program around Five Pillars that we believe will launch these young adults into a thriving, independent life!

Spiritual - help find and follow Jesus, attend church, actively share the Gospel

Mental - help deal with trauma/triggers; establish good habits/boundaries

Life Skills - help manage time and money, build pride and self-confidence

Service - learn to serve their community and their country

Vocational - help find strengths and gifts for career path and advancement

How are we going to make this happen?

Our program covers 3 1/2 years and in that time we will guide, teach and equip our residents in the five pillars, specifically involving them in:

Skill building

Agriculture - students are taught how to sustainably grow vegetables and fruits

Aquaculture - raising tilapia in freshwater ponds

Poultry farming - raising chickens in coops

Culinary arts - learning to cook for themselves as well as the community

Computer sciences - becoming proficient on programs and the internet



HSM garden



Students harvesting tilapia



CJ raising chickens



Students learning computers



Ralph making pastries

Vocational

Donuts - producing and selling donuts to local schools and families

Produce - sell vegetables and fruit in local markets

Master classes - introduce entrepreneurial and trades opportunities

Chickens and tilapia - raise and market for sale in community

Photography - provide tools to take and sell pictures in the community

Art - provide tools for painting and drawing sold in the community



Kevensen making the donuts



Harvested corn



Remodeling dorm window



Peter learning photography

Outreach

Crossroads Kids Clubs - weekly gatherings of local children to hear the Gospel

Vacation Bible School - students plan and implement vacation bible school for 300+ kids

Orphanages - visit and introduce HSM to local orphanages to bring hope

Food distribution - partner with Feed My Starving Children to distribute food to local families



Lennox & Crossroads Kids Club



Vacation Bible School



One family blessed by FMSC food donation

Your investment in Hope Story Missions

Supporting our ministry will allow HSM to continue transforming young people amongst incredible inflation, political unrest, and gang violence to be indigenous leaders in their community. Your investment will bring hope, healing, restoration and eternal significance to our students, their community, and ultimately, to their country.

Please prayerfully consider supporting us monthly, or with a one time gift in these ways:

1. Donate on our website, www.hopestorymissions.org.
2. Send a check to **Hope Story Missions**, 7431 E. State Street #358, Rockford, IL 61108.
3. HSM can accept gifts of stock, as well as mandatory IRA withdrawals.

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